(iii) On 07.11.2009, five railway-men including one Junior Engineer were run over by Dehradun Jan Shatabdi Express between Sahibabad and Ghaziabad Railway Stations.

(c) and (d) Investigation into the incident at S.No. (i) has been conducted by GRP. Enquiry has been conducted and completed in the incidents at S.Nos. (ii) and (iii) causing death of railway men.

Work on Western Dedicated Freight Corridor

†1822. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time and place from where work on Western Dedicated Freight Corridor project commenced;

(b) whether acquisition of land, forest department's approval where necessary, removal of utilities, etc., for this corridor have been completed;

(c) the alignment of this project in Rajasthan;

(d) the details of its progress at present; and

(e) the target fixed for completion of this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) On Western Dedicated Freight Corridor, the first construction contract for 54 major and important bridges between Vaitarna and Utran on Vasai-Bharuch Section was awarded on 26.12.2008 and the work has commenced.

(b) Acquisition of land, forest Department's clearance where necessary, removal of utilities etc. are in progress, and have not been completed.

(c) In Rajasthan, Western Dedicated Fright Corridor traverses for 564 Kilometers of which 523 Kilometers is parallel to the existing Indian Railways alignment from Palanpur to Rewari and 41 Kilometers is on detours.

(d) and (e) Final Location Survey of the Western Corridor has been completed. Notification for Land Acquisition for Western Dedicated Freight Corridor have been issued for 1346 Kilometers and 362 Kilometers under Section 20A and 20E of the Railway (Amendment) Act, 2008 respectively. The tentative schedule of completion of the project, Subject to availability of land and fund, is 2016-17.

Development of group housing and commercial projects on unused land

†1823. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways proposes to develop group housing and commercial projects in its unused land all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Railways have identified the places for these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Railways have established any statutory mechanism for said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) to (e) Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been set up by Railways through the Railway (Amendment) Act, 2005 to undertake commercial development of vacant railway land which is not required by Railways for its immediate future operational needs. Such commercial utilization includes commercial as well as residential projects. 133 sites measuring 3744 acre have been entrusted to RLDA for development.

Derailment of Mandore Express

1824. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have so far lost their lives and were seriously injured, separately, due to the derailment of Mandore Express near Jaipur in the early hours of 14 November, 2009;

(b) whether statutory inquiry in the mishap has since been completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the *ex-gratia* financial assistance given by Railways to the next-of-kin of the deceased and to those injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) On 14.11.2009, 15 coaches of Train No. 2462 Jodhpur-Delhi Mandor Express derailed between Jhir and Jatwara stations of Jaipur-Bandikui section of Jaipur division of North Western Railway. As a result of this accident, 7 persons lost their lives, 5 were grievously injured and 15 sustained simple injuries.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Action would be taken after receipt of the report of Commissioner of Railway Safety, Western Circle.

(d) An *ex-gratia* relief of Rs.5 lakhs to the next of kin of each deceased passenger, Rs.1 lakh to each grievously injured and Rs.10,000 to each simple injured has been announced. So far, Rs. 40,60,000 have been disbursed as *ex-gratia* to the next of kin of the deceased and injured passengers.

Incidents of damaging railway property

1825. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway property worth crores of rupees was gutted by a mob of locals who torched five coaches of Mahananda Express at Hathras Junction recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;